Climate Planning

The City of Spokane is embarking on a transformative journey to support community resiliency to growing climate hazards. As part of this effort, we're undertaking a major update to our Comprehensive Plan, a foundational document guiding the city's growth and development. This update, mandated by the Washington State Growth Management Act and due in 2026, presents a unique opportunity to integrate climate considerations into every aspect of our city's future.

Community members can weigh in on Spokane's climate and resiliency planning efforts through Engage Spokane, an online community space to offer input and help shape the future of our thriving city.

Engage with Climate Planning

Recent Updates

Early Draft Climate Policy Development

City staff and the consultant team have been working with the Climate Resilience & Sustainability Board on draft climate policy development throughout October and November 2025. Discussions have focused on developing climate policy for the 11 sectors required by the WA Commerce in alignment with HB 1181: Agriculture & Food Systems, Buildings & Energy, Cultural Resources & Practices, Economic Development, Ecosystems, Emergency Management, Health & Well-being, Transportation, Waste Management, Water Resources, Zoning & Development. Early draft policies are outlined in the memo provided to the CRSB below. These early draft policies will continue to be discussed and revised in December and January as informed by community engagement, CRSB feedback, and City staff input. Meeting recordings as linked as well.

- CRSB Memo – Early Draft Climate Policy Development – Nov. 13, 2025 (PDF 356 KB)

Stay Informed

Sign up for email updates to stay up to date on the latest developments in our climate planning efforts.

Join the List

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Got questions or ideas? Reach out to our team for more information.

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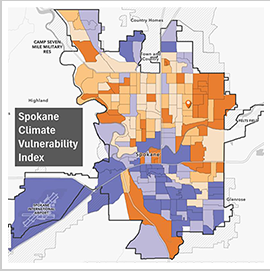
- Climate Resilience & Sustainability Board – Nov. 13, 2025
  - Watch Nov. 13, 2025 Recording
- Special Joint Meeting with Plan Commission and Climate Resilience & Sustainability Board – Oct. 29, 2025
  - Watch Oct. 29, 2025 Recording
- Climate Resilience & Sustainability Board – Oct. 9, 2025
  - Watch Oct. 9, 2025 Recording

Community Climate Policy Survey

Thank you to the over 1,400 people who took the time to complete the Community Climate Policy Survey! The Community Climate Policy Survey Results and Analysis report is now available, summarizing what we heard and key themes that can be integrated into proposed climate policies to support local resiliency right here in the City of Spokane.

Read the Survey Report

Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment



The first phase of the City of Spokane's Climate Planning efforts included months of listening to community experiences and understanding national, state, and local data, ultimatelye leading to the **City of Spokane Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment**. This technical report integrates diverse perspectives and lived experiences from a wide range of stakeholders and community members with expansive spatial data to identify climate risks and vulnerability right here in Spokane.

Executive Summary
Climate Risk & Vulnerabi…

Sector Summaries
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- Read the full Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment
- Appendix A – Engagement
- Appendix B – Spokane Climate Vulnerability Index

Project Timeline

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Climate Commitment Act

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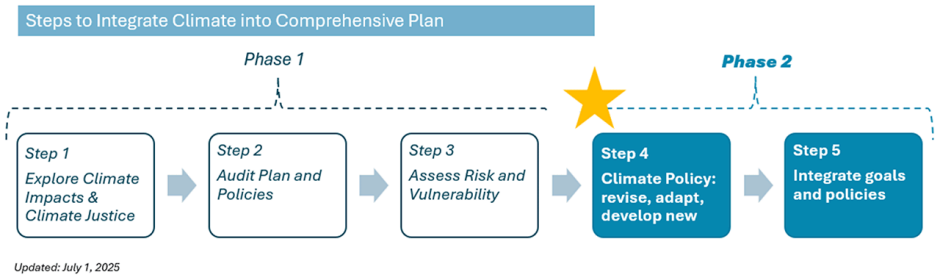
The WA Department of Commerce climate planning grant is supported with funding from Washington's Climate Commitment Act. The CCA supports Washington's climate action efforts by putting cap-and-invest dollars to work reducing climate pollution, creating jobs, and improving public health. Information about the CCA is available on their website.

Blogs

- Help Shape Local Climate Policies Today – *July 21, 2025*
- Community and Science Inform Spokane's Climate Actions – *June 24, 2025*
- Celebrate Earth Day by Planning Ahead – *March 31, 2025*
- PlanSpokane: Climate Survey Provides Insights for Resilient Future – *March 25, 2025*
- Mapping Spokane's Climate Risks and Vulnerabilities – *Feb. 27, 2025*
- What Climate Impacts Affect Us Where We Live, Work, and Play? – *Feb. 5, 2025*



The City of Spokane Climate Planning efforts consist of two phases. Phase 1 was completed in June 2025 and focused on information gathering, including exploring climate impacts and climate justice, auditing existing plans and policies, and assessing risk and vulnerability. Phase 2, launched in July 2025, is focused on the development, revisions, and integration of climate policies into the Comprehensive Plan.

Why Does It Matter?

Climate hazards affect everyone, regardless of age, background, or socioeconomic status. By proactively addressing climate risks and vulnerabilities, we can:

Protect Our Community

Climate-resilient infrastructure and policies can help mitigate the impacts of extreme weather events, reduce risks to public health, and safeguard our homes and businesses to support collective wellbeing.

Preserve Our Environment

By reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting sustainable practices, we can protect our natural resources, safeguard biodiversity, and preserve the beauty of our region for future generations.

Promote Equity and Justice

Climate hazards disproportionately impact vulnerable communities, exacerbating existing inequalities and injustices. By centering equity in our climate planning efforts, we can ensure that all residents have access to the resources and support they need to thrive.

How Can I Help?

- How Are You Impacted by Climate Hazards? – *Dec. 10, 2024*
- Planning a More Resilient Future for Spokane – *Nov. 12, 2024*

Related Links

- PlanSpokane 2046
- Spokane Stormwater
- Water Wise Spokane
- Comprehensive Plan
- Sustainability Action Plan
- Greenhouse Gas Inventory
- Commerce Climate Program

- **Stay Informed:** Follow us on social media and sign up for email updates to stay up-to-date on the latest developments in our climate planning efforts. Knowledge is power, and your engagement helps drive positive change.
- **Attend Events:** Look out for upcoming community workshops and events throughout 2024 and 2025 to chat, share information, and hear your thoughts on climate planning.
- **Share Your Voice:** Your input is crucial in shaping our city's response to growing climate hazards. Join us for community workshops, town hall meetings, and online surveys to share your ideas, concerns, and priorities.

Presentations

Materials & Documents

Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment

Climate Risk and Vulnerability Index

Spokane Climate Impacts and Climate Justice Memo

Spokane Climate Policy Audit

Climate Glossary of Terms

Community Engagement Summaries

Climate Planning Engagement Plan

Climate Planning Resolution

Project Scope

Climate Planning and the Comprehensive Plan

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